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Improving Recycling at State Government

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As was previously reported in the Summer 2001 All StAR News, Governor Parris N. Glendening signed Executive Order 01.01.2001.02 *Sustaining Maryland's Future with Clean Power, Green Buildings and Energy Efficiency.* The order has a



pollution prevention goal that re-dedicates Maryland's efforts towards recycling by requiring state agencies to annually divert or recycle at least 20 percent of the waste they generate beginning on January 1, 2003. The executive order compliments the 1988 Maryland Recycling Act that requires state agencies to reduce the amount of the solid waste stream

generated for disposal by at least 20 percent or to an amount that is determined practical and economically feasible. In no case may the amount to be recycled be less than 10 percent.

The Pollution Prevention (P2) Subcommittee was created to come up with recommendations to the governor for meeting the recycling requirements of the executive order. The following are some of the subcommittee's key recommendations:

- ✓ The Department of General Services (DGS) will review and ensure that all state agency building

leases include appropriate locations for recycling bins, contact personnel, material staging, and address logistical issues related to collection of source separated recyclables.

- ✓ DGS will ensure that contracts for janitorial services and trash/recycling material collections in all government buildings shall demonstrate accountability through performance contracting, rating a contractor's compliance with the recycling provisions of their contract and consistently using that rating as a determining factor for future bidding.

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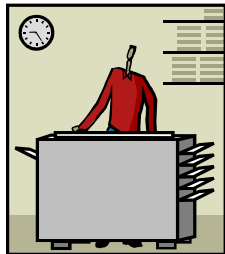
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The 2002 All StAR Recycling Surveys are due to be mailed to state agency recycling coordinators in December. The surveys are to be filled out for the time period January 1 to December 31, 2002, and mailed back to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in February. If you have any questions, contact David Mrgich at MDE.

Executive Order Designed to Save Paper

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In the state's effort to reduce waste, Executive Order 01.01.1991.20 *Conservation of Paper by Units of State*



Government states that, "To the greatest extent practicable, within State agencies,

photocopied and printed reproductions of original multi-page documents should be made utilizing both sides of a sheet of paper."

Double-sided copying is a quick and easy way to reduce the amount of paper used. This is important both environmentally and economically considering that in fiscal year 2001, the Department of General Services spent over \$5.5 million on over 3,500 tons of paper.

New Digs for MDE

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The Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) long-anticipated move to the Montgomery Park Business Center is finished. Located in southwest Baltimore at Washington Boulevard and Monroe Street in the former Montgomery Ward regional distribution center, the move was

Using "green building" technology, the facility uses recycled materials in construction. Water systems, such as low-water and rainwater bathroom fixtures, will exceed the 10 percent water conservation goal set by the Governor for state facilities. The energy system, that includes reduced wattage lighting, occupancy and light level sensors, and an ice-pond cooling system,

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- ✓ The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) will increase technical assistance to state agencies.
- ✓ Increase opportunities for state agencies to procure environmentally preferable products.

It doesn't end at 20 percent. The P2 Subcommittee recommends that future state agency waste rules explore the implementation of a 30 percent waste diversion goal that is composed of a recycling rate and source reduction credit.

If you need help with your agency's recycling program, remember that MDE is here to assist you. We can be reached via the contact information on the 1st page of the All StAR News.

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among other features, is anticipated to save up to 50 percent of MDE's previous energy costs.

During the deconstruction and construction process the old radiators, window frames, conduit, trash chutes, elevator shafts were recycled, and the old window glass was crushed and incorporated into the asphalt of the parking lots.

The building epitomizes the Governor's Smart Growth initiative with its location within an Enterprise Zone, an Empowerment Zone and an urban renewal area for Baltimore City with front-door service by three bus lines and easy access to Interstate 95, Interstate 295 and Route 1.

Recycling Electronics

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Maryland state agencies are able to recycle old electronic equipment by sending it to the Maryland State Agency for Surplus Property in Jessup Maryland. State surplus sends the old electronics to the Ohio Prison System in partnership with Unicor Federal Prison Industries, Inc. for recycling and demanufacturing. If your agency has questions on the recycling of electronic equipment call State Surplus at 410-799-0440.



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